



FACT SHEET: Draft Northwestern Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse Environmental Impact Statement

What the Draft Northwestern Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse EIS *does*

- The draft *does* analyze four possible management alternatives for maintaining or increasing Greater Sage-Grouse abundance and distribution in northwestern Colorado.
- The draft *does* consider amending up to six land use plans to provide consistent management of Greater Sage-Grouse habitat on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Routt National Forest lands in northwestern Colorado.
- The draft *does* address issues identified through internal and public scoping including Greater Sage-Grouse habitat; energy and mineral development; recreation and travel management; rights-of-way, including transmission; livestock grazing; fire; wild horses; vegetation management; special management areas; socioeconomics; and invasive species.
- The draft *does* identify and analyze environmental and economic impacts of each alternative.
- The draft *does* identify a preferred alternative, but the entire range of alternatives is being considered.
- The draft *does* include an alternative submitted by Garfield County as Appendix D. The public is encouraged to comment on all alternatives, including the Garfield County alternative.

What the Draft Northwestern Colorado Greater Sage-grouse EIS *does not*

- The draft *does not* apply to private lands. If federal minerals are leased under private lands, the leaseholder will be subject to the conservation measures.
- The draft *does not* represent a final decision. The BLM and U.S. Forest Service will develop a final proposed alternative after reviewing public comments.
- The draft *does not* make any changes to existing travel management decisions.
- The draft *does not* address predator control or hunting. The BLM and U.S. Forest Service do not have jurisdiction over wildlife population management.